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SUBJ: CAPE VERDE ELECTIONS

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1. ON JUNE 18, EMBOFF TALKED WITH CAPE VERDE (CV) OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR LISBON AT "HOUSE OF CAPE VERDE." PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS BOTH AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AT THE INTERTERRITORIAL MINISTRY LITERALLY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF PRESENT ELECTION ACTIVITY IN CAPE VERDE APART FROM THE DECREE LAW SETTING ELECTION GUIDELINES (REFTEL B).

2. LAST LISBON PRESS REPORTS ON ELECTIONS WERE ON MAY 5 ON INTERTERRITORIAL MINISTER'S ALMEIDA SANTOS' RETURN TO PORTUGAL AFTER VISIT TO CAPE VERDE.

3. ACCORDING TO CV OFFICIAL, ELECTIONS PROCESS WILL REALLY NOT BE ONE OF COMPETITION BETWEEN ISSUES, PARTIES, OR
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INDIVIDUALS. CAPE VERDE HAS 22 ELECTION DISTRICTS ("CIRCULOS)". IN

A PROCEDURE WHICH LOCAL PAIGC COULD NOT EXPLAIN 56 NOMINEES AND A LARGE NUMBER OF ALTERNATES HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE 56 ASSEMBLY SEATS. THUS, CV VOTERS WILL VOTE FOR OR AGAINST EACH SET. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO COMPETITION, THE ELECTION OF THESE 56 INDIVIDUALS TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IS ASSURED.

4. LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION, SHOWS THAT ONLY ONE THIRD OF THE CANDIDATES ARE OFFICIALLY MEMBERS OF APIGC. CV OFFICIAL ASSURED US THAT PAIGC MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS ASPIRING TO RUN FOR DEPUTY. IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT THOUGH PAIGC MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED, PAIGC WILL BE THE ONLY PARTY WITH ANY MEMBERS IN THE FUTURE ASSEMBLY.

5. WE UNDERSTAND FROM PAIGC MEMBERS IN LISBON THAT 91.4 PERCENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE CITIZENS HAVE REGISTERED TO VOTE.
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